GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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AGITATION BY DISPLACED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the displaced persons in Talcher and other places under the Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) are agitating for their rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite their rehabilitation process?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) and (b) MCL follows the rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) policy of Coal India Limited. Whenever land is acquired, work of rehabilitation and resettlement is done according to the policy of Coal India Ltd. Some of the displaced persons, not satisfied with this, have organized economic blockade/agitation from time to time.

(c) The beneficiaries for resettlement and rehabilitation amongst the land losers are ascertained jointly through a Committee consisting of the representatives of MCL and the Collector of the concerned district. For the purpose of ensuring proper resettlement and rehabilitation of affected families, there is a Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) headed by the Revenue Divisional Commissioner in which Hob`ble M.Ps and MLAs of the concerned areas besides Chairman-cum-Managing Director of MCL and Area General Managers of MCL are also members. In the meetings of RAC, the problems pertaining to R&R are discussed and grievances resolved.